



## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

# September 8, 2021



### ADMINISTRATION:

- Town Administrator (TA) Greg Johnson and Human Resources (HR) Manager Stephanie Duggan continue negotiations with the AFSCME Clerical Union.
- TA Johnson is forming a Summer Street Working Group, specifically developing recommendations for the re-use of the existing fire station property.
- The town is continuing its participation in COVID-related Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funding programs such as Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), Mortgage Assistance and Child Care micro-loans.
- The town released a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the management of the Maynard Golf Course and Country Club.
- TA Johnson is seeking interest in surrounding towns towards the pursuit of a regionally-shared Sustainability Coordinator.

### COUNCIL ON AGING:

- The Council on Aging reopened its doors on Monday, August 9, for registration and an opportunity for seniors to sign-up for activities. The COA's fully scheduled programs started on Monday, August 16. An almost "homecoming" experience is occurring with warm greetings, wide smiles, and all-around enthusiasm for finally being "in-person."
- The COA is following specific policies to ensure the safety and welfare of participants, staff, and instructors. This includes reducing the number of seniors participating in an activity as well as setting rooms up differently for each program to create more space to allow for social distancing and to increase comfort levels.
- The COA is continuing to offer its fitness and art classes via ZOOM. In addition, the COA is sponsoring bi-monthly "Grab-n-Go" drive-by meal pickups in the Elks Club parking lot. The COA ice cream truck (the COA van) has been making its neighborhood rounds, surprising seniors with sweet treats on very hot days!

- Council on Aging Director Amy Loveless attended the weekly regional COA directors' meetings which included discussions regarding reopening and phasing in plans, and feedback from seniors and staff.
- Council on Aging Director Amy Loveless attended the Making the Connections meeting. ("Making the Connections" is grant based and is derived from the national Livable Communities commitment and a state priority Best Practice: "To develop policies and services to improve elder economic security and help people age in community, such as... transportation for non-drivers..."). This grant funds any mode of transportation and its impetus is to address unmet transportation needs. The Community Compact Cabinet Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) includes these participating towns: Sudbury, Maynard, Stow, and Acton.
- The Council on Aging produced an August newsletter promoting the COA's art classes, the GO MAYNARD! Taxicab transportation program, Artspace and 6 Bridges Gallery exhibitions, Maynard Library programs, the Maynard Farmers Market and ArtSpace's Pollinator Meadow event on September 12.
- The COAs offers an iPad and Chromebooks lending program for those with limited financial resources to increase opportunities for Zoom classes, online activity, and the means to contact friends and family.





## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- The Department of Public Works Water & Sewer Department performed an emergency water service repair on Silver Hill Road, which was identified by our recently conducted town wide water leak survey.





- The Town of Maynard received a fully funded grant with a partnership between the Department of Energy Resources and Eversource our electric energy utility provider to install three Electric Vehicle charging stations at Town Hall, Library, and Country club. Eversource and Commonwealth electric have been busy installing electrical infrastructure and EV stations. We anticipate these stations being activated in early fall.





- DPW responding to localized flooding issues At Great Road adjacent to Maynard Motors from the severe rain event that took place on Thursday August 19th.





- Recent repairs made to the Towns Water storage tanks per order of Massachusetts DEP as indicated in our recently conducted sanitary survey. The Department of Public works continues to meet the deadlines of our sanitary survey requirements in a timely manner.



